

April 15, 2008

Dear History Day Teacher:

Enclosed are the schedules of times for your students participating in the National History Day in South Carolina state contest on Saturday, April 26 at the South Carolina Archives and History Center in Columbia. Please check for spelling and notify me of any corrections. The spelling in the schedule will be the **spelling** on the **student's certificate unless you notify me differently**. Please **distribute** this information **to your students**. Notice their entry is associated with an entry number. Please have your students write their entry number in the upper right corner of the title page of all papers. I also recommend that you and your students make note of the entry number(s) for future reference.

Registration will be from 8:00 until 10:00 will be in the main lobby. Those registering after 10:00 will find their packet at the front desk in the lobby. The most important items in the registration packets are the student entry number cards. These cards have the name of each student and their entry number. Hand these out to your students. These cards will serve as their "ticket" into the auditorium for the awards ceremony. Also check at registration for any last minute changes. **It is not necessary to complete registration on arrival**, you may do so throughout the day

Also enclosed is a list of rooms where your students will be competing. There is space on the header of this form for the student(s)' entry number, flight (not all categories have flights) and presentation time. I suggest you **make copies** of the form for each entry you have coming to state, **fill in the information for each entry** and **hand them to your students**. This will help them find the rooms where they will present. Also enclosed are three floor maps of the facility. Feel free to make copies of this material.

**Please read and make copies of** the enclosed document **Update: A Few Reminders** and **hand them to your students**. It is filled with information concerning the different categories at the state contest. It should answer a lot of your questions.

**We are scheduled to hold run-offs** in the following categories: **Junior Division:** Individual and Group Documentary, Individual Performance, Individual and Group Exhibits, and Websites; **Senior Division:** Individual Exhibits. **Those entries qualifying for run-offs in Junior Individual and Group Documentary and Junior Individual Performance** will have to **present again between 2:0 and 3:20**. There will be no interviews during any of the run-offs. Students making the exhibit and website run-offs will not be notified nor will they need to be present since they will not be interviewed during the final round. At this point, if your student(s)' exhibit or website makes the run-offs, their project and bibliography must stand alone. Students in exhibits and websites will find out if they made the run-offs during the awards ceremony.

**I will post those entries that made the run-offs in Junior Individual and Group Documentary and Junior Individual Performance by 1:00 on the left wall of the Archives' Lobby.**

Junior and Senior Historical Papers, Senior Documentaries, Senior Performances, Senior Group Exhibits, and Senior Websites will not have a run-off round since there are twelve or less in each category.

The **Award's Ceremony** is planned for **4:30 in the Auditorium** but may start later if results are not yet finalized. **There is not room for everyone who wants to watch the Awards Ceremony in the Auditorium** so please **only students and teachers** should be **in the Auditorium**. **All others** will be able to **watch the ceremony on a closed circuit broadcast** in the **Wachovia Room**.

Your hard work and dedication in preparing your students for this statewide competition are recognized and appreciated beyond imagination. I hope you will be able to attend the competition with your students. We look forward to seeing you. Congratulations to your students and to you for achieving this level of success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joel E. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joel" being the most prominent.

Joel Walker, Coordinator, NHD/SC